
AGENDA ITEM 4

Action

July 26, 2018 Commission Meeting

REVISED July 24, 2018

Triage Grant Funding

Summary: Earlier this year, the Commission awarded Triage grants through three Request for Applications: 1) Adult/TAY (\$48 million); 2) Children/Youth (\$29.6 million); and 3) School-County Collaborative (\$30 million), for a total of \$107.6 million. The Commission reviewed 54 applications for funding opportunities and awarded funds to 30 recipients. The grants are intended to support efforts to provide crisis mental health intervention and targeted case management for individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Additionally, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to execute a statewide evaluation contract for no more than \$10 million to the UC Davis and UC Los Angeles Behavioral Health Centers of Excellence to evaluate the programs and also to sustain these investments. The grants and statewide evaluation were to be supported through three sources of funding:

1. The Commission's annual Triage budget of \$32 million per year (\$96 million from fiscal years 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20)
2. SB 833 funds, which were a one-time allocation of \$3 million meant for crisis intervention services for children and youth and training for parents and caregivers of children and youth in crisis
3. Unspent Triage funds from Round I, about \$28.6 million¹ (FY 2013/14: \$5,010,508.55; 2014/15: \$5,903,251.42; 2015/16: \$913,709.51; 2016/17 \$16,843,657)

Total: \$127,671,126

It was estimated that these three sources of revenue would allow the Commission to provide over \$117 million to fund Triage programs and \$10 million to evaluate them. There was \$10,671,127.27 in additional Triage funds which could have been used to fully fund additional counties in the Adult/TAY and/or the Children/Youth components.

In response to negotiations with the Governor's Departments of Finance, the Commission delayed signing contracts with the awardees to receive their funding. More specifically, the re-appropriation of prior years' funding (\$31,671,127.27) for this purpose required new budget authority.

On June 27, 2018, Governor Brown signed the 2018/19 budget which reduced funding for Triage programs in the following ways: reduced base funding from \$32 million to \$20 million in FY 2017/18, and in future years and denied the Commission's request to re-appropriate unspent funds from Round I of Triage.

* Uncertain due to Round I program dollars still being spent down

As a result, the Commission has \$63 million in funds available – or 53 percent of the initial awards –\$20 million from FY 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20 and the \$3 million from SB 833.

The Commission has the option of using FY 2020/21 Triage funds (\$20 million) to support the program, increasing available funds from \$63 million to \$83 million – or 71 percent of the initial awards. Doing so would expand access to funds but would delay by one year the next round of Triage funding.

To address this funding shortfall, the Commission should consider the following options:

Option #1: Reduce awards for all recipients and statewide evaluation by an even percentage.

Component	Released for	Applied/ Awarded	Award: 53%	Award: 71%	Award
Adult/TAY	\$48,000,000	20/15	\$25,440,000	\$34,080,000	15
Children/Youth	\$29,600,000	17/11	\$15,688,000	\$21,016,000	11
School-County Collaborative	\$30,000,000	17/4	\$15,900,000	\$21,300,000	4
Evaluation	\$10,000,000	N/A	\$5,300,000	\$7,100,000	N/A
Total	\$117,600,000	54/30	\$62,328,000	\$83,496,000	30

Option #2: Reduce available funding for each component (Adult/TAY, Children/Youth, and School-County Collaborative) and award available funds based on rank of proposals.

Component	Released for	Applied/ Awarded	Award 53%	Award	Award 71%	Award
Adult/TAY	\$48,000,000	20/15	\$25,440,000	8	\$34,080,000	12
Children/Youth	\$29,600,000	17/11	\$15,688,000	9	\$21,016,000	11
School-County Collaborative	\$30,000,000	17/4	\$15,900,000	2	\$21,300,000	3
Evaluation	\$10,000,000	N/A	\$5,300,000	N/A	\$7,100,000	N/A
Total	\$117,600,000	54/30	\$62,328,000	19	\$83,496,000	26

Option #3: Cancel the current procurement and release new RFAs.

Presenter: Norma Pate, Deputy Director

Enclosure: None.

Handout: A PowerPoint will be presented at the meeting.

Proposed Motion: The Commission adopts one of the options outlined by staff and directs Commission staff to implement it including notify grantees from the recent procurement process of the option impact.